

REMARKS

Objections to the Claims

The Examiner has objected to claims 1, 3, 4 and 16-27 for various informalities. Applicant has amended claim 3 to correct to the oversight of reciting "normal" instead of "possible." Further, Applicant has amended the claims to eliminate the term "non-normal." Applicant respectfully requests that the objections to claims 1, 3, 4 and 16-27 be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 15, 18, 21, 24, 26 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,701,599 to Aihara ("Aihara").

Claims 1, 15, 16, 26 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly been anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 3,584,307 to Hewie ("Hewie").

Claims 1, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22 and 25-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,144,296 to DeLuca *et al.* ("DeLuca").

Applicant traverses these rejections. The examiner alleges that the features of the claimed invention are disclosed in Aihara, in Hewie, or in DeLuca. Aihara, however, discloses only that the power supply supplies power to the elements of the broadcast receiving apparatus 1 of Aihara simultaneously (*see* Aihara, FIG. 4, S17; FIG. 7, S39). Aihara does not disclose or suggest that the power supply to each element (*see* Aihara, FIG. 1, Ref. 3, 4 or 5) is controlled individually.

Hewie merely discloses that the stage 14 controls only downstream stage 70 by cutting off power to its motor (*see* Hewie, FIG. 1, Ref. 14, 70). Hewie does not disclose or suggest that

the power supply to each element (*see* Hewie, FIG. 1, Ref. 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, or 23) is controlled individually.

DeLuca discloses only that the power supply supplies power to the elements of the communication receiving apparatus simultaneously (*see* DeLuca, FIG. 4). DeLuca does not disclose or suggest that the power supply to each element (*see* DeLuca, FIG. 4, Ref. 416, 418, 420, or 408) is controlled individually.

In comparison with the cited references, amended claims 1, 15-19, 26, and 27 have the unique features that "a signal-processing unit for carrying out processing the received signal at a plurality of stages *in a predetermined order*" and "a control device for controlling power supply to make the signal-processing unit carry out the received signal processing, *on each stage, only when the judgment device determined that an immediately-prior stage is normally carried out.*"

In view of the above, claims 1, 15-22 and 24-27 are not anticipated by Aihara, Hewie or DeLuca and are therefore patentable over these references.

Claims 3, 4 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Aihara in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,650,376 to Obitsu ("Obitsu"). Applicant traverses this rejection.

The combination of Aihara and Obitsu does not disclose or suggest the features claimed by Applicant. As established above, Aihara does not disclose the above noted power control features claimed by Applicant. Obitsu does not cure these deficiencies of Aihara as Obitsu does not disclose or suggest power supply control. Therefore, even if one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made had been motivated to combine the references, the combination

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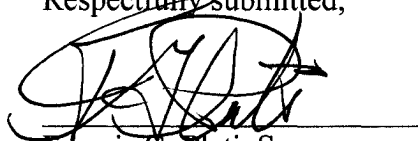
would still not result in the features claimed by Applicant. Thus, claims 3, 4 and 16 are patentable over the combination of Aihara and Obitsu.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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